

Official minutes
Environment & sustainability commission

Members present: Chair Jessie Hendrix, Vice Chair Bennett Myhran, Shaina Ashare, Ryan Griffin, Tatiana Giraldo, Kati Helseth, Ethan Kehrberg, Avery Kuehl, Adam Oien

Members absent: Marisa Bayer, Avital Krebs, Sasha Shahidi, Natalie Wagner

Staff present: Emily Ziring, sustainability manager; Michael Bahe, natural resources manager; Vanessa Larson, forestry technician

Guests: none

1. Call to order
 - A. Roll call
 - B. Introduction of guests—none

2. Approval of minutes

Moved by Vice Chair Myhran, seconded by Commissioner Kehrberg, to approve the March minutes. The motion passed with Commissioner Ashare abstaining.

3. Business
 - A. Presentations
None.
 - B. New business
 - i. Natural resources presentation and training at Ainsworth Park, northeast corner

Mr. Bahe and Ms. Larson presented a brief history of the Ainsworth Park “food forest” concept. The fruit trees were planted in 2023. They need regular care and maintenance in order to thrive. Staff’s vision is to plant additional trees, add signage explaining the purpose of the trees, and one day have a wood chip path winding through the forest. There is also consideration of naming the food forest, which requires a council process.

Commission members broke into groups to learn proper fruit tree pruning and to distribute mulch around existing trees.

- C. Unfinished business
None.

4. Adjournment
Chair Hendrix adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.